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Tacoma Job Situation Worsening

The figures tell the story as the State Department of Employment Security announced last week that unemployment in Tacoma for the week ending April 24 has reached a high of 9.9%. Seattle was even worse off with a rate of 10.5%.

The Tacoma-Seattle rates compare sharply with a national rate of 6.1%, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. However, the national rate of unemployment for blacks has risen to 10%.

Although no unemployment rate for blacks in the Tacoma area was available when the Tacoma FACTS interviewed personnel at the State Department of Employment Security on Tacoma Avenue last Friday, simple estrapolation reveals a dismal fact for Tacoma blacks:

if the overall national rate of unemployment is 6.1% and the national rate for blacks is much higher--10%--then if the overall Tacoma rate is 9.9%--10% for all practical purposes--then the Tacoma rate of unemployment for glacks can well be between 15 and 20%, if not in fact higher.

Last Thursday, in a panel discussion with representatives of minority groups in Seattle, State Director of Employment Security Maxine Daly said "race and discrimination" were the biggest obstacles to fair employment, according to the Associated Press.

---JOHN EVANS.

Melvin Jackson Named Aide To City Manager

MELVIN JACKSON

Melvin S. Jackson was named administrative assistant to Tacoma City Manager William V. Donaldson this week.

He will work parttime until June when his University of Washington academic work is done, then fulltime.

His first jobs will be to establish an information system for city government--information both into and out from the city manager office--and then organizing a management team to coordinate city employee activity and information.

Jackson has been an active civic worker here. He is a graduate student at the University studying public administration. He was a football team member.

He was director of the Hilltop Multi-Service Center.

Model Cities Opens Meetings To Public

Opportunity to appear, hear and know the Model Cities program and how to use and help in it will be newly available to one and all from now on.

The just-installed new Model Cities Citizens Association executive board members have voted to open meetings to the public.

The board, before, had admitted only invited guests and newsmen to its meetings.

Mayor Gordon Johnston swore in the 19 new and six holdover members earlier at the meeting.

Board members through the staff have advertised for bids to build a tot lot and a shelter and tables at Ferry Park on South 14th Street between Cushman and Sheridan Streets. Cost estimat is $20,000 for building and lighting the project. The Metropolitan Park Board is contributing $5,000 for the project.

Navy Names First Black Admiral

At the age of 48 Captain Samuel L. Gravely Jr. commanding officer of the guided missile frigate USS JOUETT (DLG-29) was sailing home to San Diego when it was announced that he had been selected as the U.S. Navy's first black admiral.

When Captain Gravely dons his admiral hat he will have completed a journey many sailors dream about but few achieve. He will have risen from the rank of seaman to admiral in a naval career spanning nearly 29 years.

The uniqueness of his being chosen admiral by the selection board is equalled by that of his being a mustang--a from the ranks--admiral at all.

Captain Gravely was in the Pacific Wednesday April 28 when the announcement was made as the ship and its crew of 400 men were homebound after seven months Vietnam back-forth duty in the shallow-bottom Asian waters pinging with sonar gear for nonexistent submarines.

During the Asian Station cruise the ship spents three out of four days at sea, steaming in the Tonkin Gulf area .

The crew ran ashore for liberty in American Samoa, Hong Kong, Australia, New Zealand, Singapore, the Nipponese Home Islands and the Philippines.

During visits the crew contributed in many community action projects, including contributing 60 pints of blood to a Hong Kong Red Cross unit.

Rev. E.S. Brazill Heads Model Cities Board

The Hilltop Model Neighborhood Citizens Association just-elected executive board has chosen the Rev. E.S. Brazill, Harriet Williams and John W. Young Jr. as its new officers.

Eighteen board members voted in the election for officers who were to be installed Monday night in the Forum Building.

Warren Snipes was runner up in both the chairman and vice chairman balloting. William Middleton served as election meeting chairman. He refused nomination for office.

Young is married and with Mrs. Young the father of three youngsters. He is a member of the Fort Steilacoom Community College maintenance department.

Mrs. Williams, 36, is the mother of eight children. She attended Tacoma Community College two years. She was assistant coordinator in Governor Dan Evans' New Careers Program. She worked as a teachers aid in Olympia and a Child Study and Treatment Center recreational therapist at Fort Steilacoom. She is a member of the Washington State Comprehensive Health Planning Board.

The Reverend Brazill, 61, is pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church. He has been a key figure in community affairs. He and Mrs. Brazill were honored Sunday two weeks ago on the sixteenth anniversary of his pastorship here. The couple have two children and four grandchildren.

He was first president of Tacoma's Human Rights Commission. He resigned weeks before end of a three-year term. He protested City Council wiping out 1970 budget money for a Commission paid staff. (The new Council after the recall later restored the money.)

He is president of the Tacoma Ministers Alliance, a Tacoma Housing Authority commissioner and a past president of the Hilltop Neighborhood Association.

He was chosen first black member of Tacoma's Rotary Club in 1968.

He received 90 votes in the board election recently--high man with ballots from all age groups in an election in which neighborhood residents in their early 20's were a potent factor.

Neighborhood Youth Corps To Have 200 Jobs For 14-17 Youth

The Tacoma Neighborhood Youth Corps will be able to hire 200 youthful workers who are ages 14 to 17 and classified disadvantaged this summer because of an increase in federal money available for the program.

The youths will draw $1.60 an hour for up to 212 hours each, George J. Hauser, program director, explained. The program last year paid $1.45 an hour to 145 young workers.

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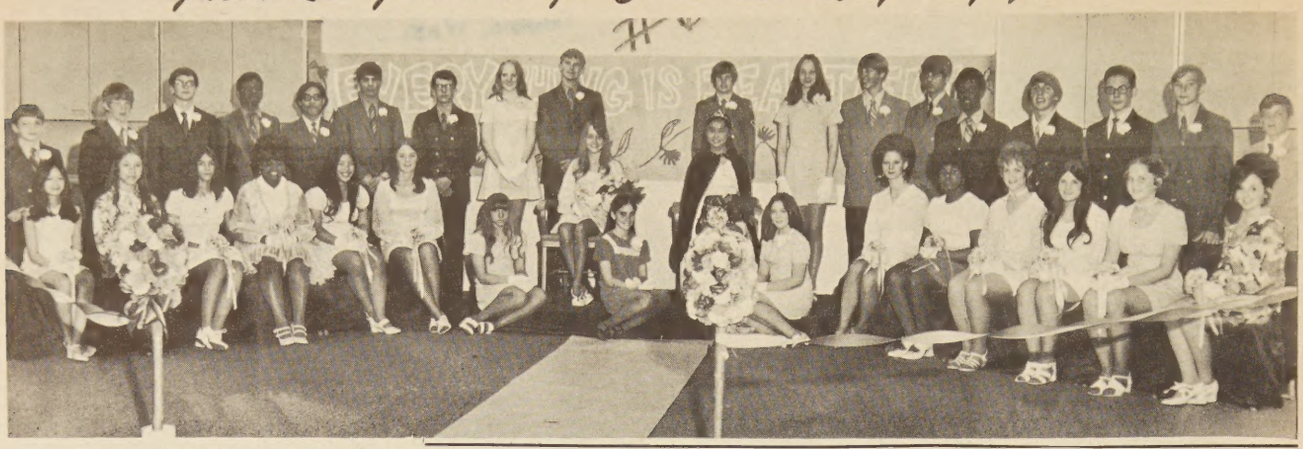

By LILLIAN and GREG JASPER

Jason Lee Junior High School held its annual May May Festival May 7 with a morning and evening showing. Both features were well attended and enjoyed by students, family and friends.

The main features of the festival were the selection and crowing of the Queen, Grand Duchess and Duchesses.

To be chosen May Festival Queen is indeed a great honor. She must be a ninth grader, participate in school activities and have, along with all the foregoing prerequisites, a high grad point average. The lovely queen chosen had beauty plus, also.

Beautiful and charming Ann Kowaski was selected May Festival Queen for 1971.

The Grand Duchess is Jeannette Smith, a lovely ninth grader, also.

The grade-level Duchesses and their escorts are as follows:

Seventh grade: Linda Chan-Peter Ceccorelli, Cheri Tanksley-Joey Yusko, Cathy Nulph-Dennis McAtee, Deanna Blanchfield-Kirk Leverson, alternate Shirley Neese.

Eighth grade: Kathleen Cunha-Alex Krumins, Susan Bluse-Jeff Ray, LaTanya Kennedy, Tony Richison, Jeanne Meyer-Kevin Newell, alternates Marilyn Black-Brian Gilmore.

Ninth grade: Julie Nakagawara-Nolan Cordell, Avis Price-Greg Jasper, Kathy Thomas-Richard Marshall, Kay Boyd-Glen Puro, alternates Patty Howard-Mark Snyder.

Tom Schadt was Queen Ann's escort and Steve Sheehy Duchess Jeannette's escort.

The announcers of the court were Sandy Ackers and Georgann Tschida of the dances, Candy Paris. The flower girls were Julie Scoggin and Kaisa Swendahl.

Shirley Neese presented the crown to Mr. George Miller, the principal, who in turn crowned Queen Ann queen of the Festival.

Girls and boys dressed in lovely costumes performed well for their Queen and her Court. They performed traditional folk dances, modern dances, rope jumps, tumbling stunts, floor exercises and the unforgettable May Pole dance.

When the evening program was over the Queen, her court and other participants were transported to the Top of the Ocean where they dined and danced until the wee hours (for a Junior High student), then departed for home after an exciting and fun-filled evening.

Attention Parents!

May 16-22 is Pre-School Week.

The staff and "Little Students" of your Hill Top Community Day Care Center invite you to join them during their annual Open House.

Wednesday, May 19, at 8 p.m. there will be a showing of slides of the children's daily activities for parents and friends.

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WHERE? FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, So 9th & Market

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Students Interne in Public Accounting

In picture at right Earle Anderson, Wilberforce 1970, is assisting in the orientation of Audrey Elizabeth Russell, a Wilberforce Interne. Both are members of the professional staff at Ernst and Ernst office in Dayton, O.

Earle is a full-time member of the audit staff after a four-year baccalaureate program at Wilberforce, where his internships were served at, first, Navy Finance in Cleveland and then Buick Division of General Motors in Flint. Earle came to Wilberforce from Hot Springs, Ark.

Miss Russell is a Sophomore in Accounting, coming to Wilberforce from Tacoma, Wash. She has already progressed in her assignment with Ernst and Ernst to a position on a field audit team.

The Dayton office of Ernst and Ernst is under Thomas E. Anderson. Mr. Anderson has been active in helping plan the Dayton Wilberforce Center, through his involvement with the Chamber of Commerce and various community and professional groups.

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Transit Director Doug Hendry says the extension will include a portion of Salishan and extend south on Portland Avenue to 72nd Street where the bus drops back to Portland Avenue via 64th Street.

Hendry said the new service enables residents to reach more conveniently shopping centers in the 72nd and Portland Street area, as well as the areas throughout the crosstown bus service route which culminates at North 30th and Proctor on the western end.

Persons wishing additional information on the route extension as well as the timetable of various stops should call the Transit System at 593 4520.

Smogasboard Free Saturday

The Tacoma City Association cordially invites all Senior Citizens to a free smorgasboard Saturday, May 15, at 1 p.m. in the New Clubhouse--2316 South Yakima.

Good food! Music! Program!

Pancake Sale May 15

Sheridan Street Church of God at 2303 South Sheridan will sponsor an all-day pancake sale May 15, Saturday.

Advance-sale ticket for the whole family for the pancake-choice of ham or sausages is $2.50.

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Mrs. Leola Hill, sponsor of the Swirl Education Foundation, wishes to thank the following people for working so diligently to make the "Swirl Look of the 70's" Hair and Style Show "Number One"--a tremendous success:

The Husband-Wife Team, our own City Councilman, Harold G. Moss and his lovely wife, Billie, who were the most competent and entertaining commentators.

Many thanks to Lill and Teri, from the Tacoma FACTS, for being the model coordinators; to all of the Models; to Mmes. Howard Mack, Marian Roach, Dorothy Bowan, Vera Jenkins, Carrie Randell, June Cushon, Christine Williams, Faye Allen, Ethel Stevenson, Melmer Strong, and Misses Ann Sledge and Mildred Davenport; and to all our friends and neighbors who supported our efforts so well.

Special thanks to Brown's Florist for donating the flowers.

Thanks again, Harold and Billie, our community needs people like you.

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The Town and Country Bridge Club met with Dr. Daniel Thomas, Saturday, May 8. Mrs. Juanita Ownes was high lady and Mr. Cyril Edwards was high man. The host served a very lovely supper that was enjoyed by all.

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LAGNIAPPES

The Kappa Theta Rho sorority wishes to express their thanks and deep appreciation to ALL who helped make their cocktail sip such a beautiful success in the neat and cozy Statemen's Club on 16th and G Streets April 30.

The Unique Social and Community Club wishes to announce to the 1971 High School Graduates that they are again offering a $500 scholarship to any black senior boy or girl. If you are interested you may contact any member of the Uniques or the chairman, Mrs. Alma Gilmore, BR 2 7187, or Mrs. Dorothy Brown, BR 2 4726. Deadline for application receipt is May 30.

Happy Birthday to little Miss Bonita Walker who celebrated her 9th birthday Saturday and her younger brother Clarence who celebrates his 8th on the same day.

Happy Birthday to Freddie Davis also who celebrated his 13th birthday Wednesday, May 5.

All of the foregoing birthday celebrities attend the Bryant Elementary School.

Darling Miss Diane Irving celebrated her 7th birhtday last Tuesday, May 11. She attends the Hillside Elementary School at Fort Lewis.

The Reverend E. S. Brazill is attending the American Baptist Convention in Minneapolis, Minnesota this week. He will return home Friday.

Mr. Carl Brown flew to Austin, Texas this week to participate in the graduation exercises for his daughter who is graduating from Huston-Tillotson College.

Fashion Show correction. The Poodle's name in last week's paper should have read Mr. Pomp-A-Deau.

Sorority Honors Girl Who Fought To Give Gifts

Members of the Delta Sigma Theta sorority in Pittsburgh honored a 11-year-old girl who was attacked because with her Christmas money she bought toys for four black children. Girl is Mary Perkins. She and her mother were brought to Pittsburgh for a luncheon and presentation of the sorority's social-humanitarian award.

The girl had earned $10 baby sitting. Last Christmas she bought toys for four black children, members of an evicted family. White youths taunted and beat her.

She has since been asked to speak as several schools.

She was greeted in Vandergrift, suburb of Pittsburgh, with a sign: "Welcome, Mary Perkins. We love you!"

Club Honored Mothers

The Saturday Morning Brunch Club honored 35 mothers and proxie mothers at their annual Mother's Day Brunch Dinner.

The organizer of the Club, Mrs. Viola Norwood, gave a brief history of the clug which was organized in 1954. The purpose of the club when organized was to bring joy, sunshine and happiness to others. This idea is still being carried out in the club. She also stated that presently the membership consists of 20 members and retains three chartered members, namely Mrs. Viola Norwood, Mrs. Lizzie Green and Mrs. Pearlie McClain.

The club was fortunate to have as its guest contributor on program, Mrs. James C. Purnell of Seattle. Mrs. Purnell is the wife of James C. Purnell, president of Liberty Bank in Seattle. She is president of Washington Federated Colored Women's Club, secretary-treasurer of the Board of Directors of Liberty Bank, Seattle.

She is employed by the Internal Revenue Service, chief of closing section, Grand Associate Conductress of Prince Hall Grand Chapter Orders of Eastern Star. She is the mother of two daughters. One will graduate from the University of Washington's Law School in June and the other is currently matriculaaed at the college.

Other features of the program were the recognition of the oldest mother present who was Mrs. Ella Carter, 94 years old, and the ministers' wives who were in attendance, Mrs. E. S. Brazill, Mrs. Robert H. Davis, Mrs. E. J. Hankerson and Mrs. O. R. Pigford.

An out of the country guest in attendance was Mrs. Ulysses Manning of Addis Adababa, Ethiopa, Africa--formerly of Nashville, Tennessee. Mrs. Manning is a relative of Mrs. Major Rutherford, program chairman.

Mrs. Juanita Daniels is the president.

Education Planning Council Workshop

Saturday May 8 the Tacoma Model Cities Education Planning Council held a very successful workshop at the Federated Colored Womens Club.

Claudia Thomas, chairman of the Kent Communicating Consultants, along with her team, Dee McGuinness, Don Campbell and Charlie Denny was very effective in introducing and training the council members in basic communication skills such as paraphrasing, behavior description, dexcription of feelings and perception check.

According to the survey taken after the workshop the participants left with an abundant feeling of success and accomplishment.

Another workshop is in the planning stage. Please check the Tacoma FACTS for date-time-place.

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Political Discrimination

By DICK SONNTAG

State Senator Bob Grieve, Democratic majority leader, last week proposed a legislative redistricting plan that disenfranchises Pierce County to say the least. On the basis of population Pierce should gain an entire new district giving us a total of six and, more importantly, giving Tacoma and Pierce County 18 elected legislators instead of the present 15. Needless to say, we could use the added influence.

The Grieve plan would leave us with five districts and take small groups of Pierce residents and make them part of four other districts. In none of them would we have enough voters to elect any local people. This plan steals one-sixth of the representation that we are entitled to and gives the extra votes to three other counties.

This is the very type of thing that County Auditor Dick Greco warned us about two weeks ago. I only wish that Greco and the other county auditors in Washington were the ones that had the job of redistricting rather than the all too political state legislature. Not that Democrat Greco is nonpartison, but he knows how to be fair.

NOTE: Don Perry, Pierce County Clerk, is still considering making the race for Washington secretary of state in 1972. The secretary of state is not only the official record keeper but is the top elections officer in the state.

Perry, as clerk, knows how to administer a large office and he is responsible for the administration of all courts in the county. Prior to becoming county clerk Don was superintendent of elections for many years and a deputy county auditor. Perry, a Democrat, would be hard to beat should he run.

NOTE: The Tacoma Police Department has some very patient officers. Several of them were assigned to assist the Point Defiance security people in keeping the park open last weekend. They were more polite, courteous and nonviolent than I ever thought anyone capable of. The officers were cursed, stoned, insulted and riduculed by a small group of young persons in their twenties. They were not demonstrating for or against anything, but they were trying to bother local citizens who wanted to visit the park and they tried to bait the police officers. Fortunately for them they failed. I'm only sorry for one thing; no TV cameras were there to film how police in Tacoma handle a potentially dangerous situation. I suppose that you have to have violence or "brutality" before a confrontation is newsworthy. If that's the rule, Tacoma's Police Department won't generate very much publicity.

NOTE: For information on how to register to vote call 593-4585.

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Mrs. REBECCA GIBBS

They call her "mom". And yet, if you are going to be supertechnical, she isn't. She's Mrs. Rebecca Gibbs, a Tacoma resident, and they are five foster children. But she calls them "my kids".

It started when the Tacoma FACTS got interested in the situation of foster children in our community. How many are there? Where do they come from? What are they like? Does anyone want them?

Those are some of the questions we had. To find the answers, we contacted helpfull staff members of the Foster Care Placement program at the Department of Public Assistance both on Tacoma Avenue and Hilltop.

We were told that prospective foster parents must be licensed by the state. This of course involves an inspection of the premises where the children are going to live.

The state will pay compensation for the care of a foster child. The program is not restricted, in other words, to the well-to-do.

Staff members both at the Tacoma and the Hilltop offices stressed the fact that most foster children find themselves in their position through no fault of their own. Usually, it is because their parents are undergoing certain problems that result in their ending as foster children. However, the disorientation involved--getting moved from one family to another, and perhaps yet another--can understandably make the children edgy and apprehensive.

In other words, these childen have seen their families disintegrate, they have been uprooted, and they are afraid. To cover up that fear in a world that considers fear a weakness, they sometimes become irritable and unruly.

We were informed that while there is a backlog of potential foster parents in Pierce County for small children, there are many teen age foster children looking for homes. For the reasons we gave above, however, no one seems to want them.

We were especially interested to learn about Mrs. Gibbs, therefore, because not only does she have an unusual number of foster children, but all are teen agers (or in the case of two twelve-year olds, soon will be.) And all are boys. Supposedly the more difficult.

Accompanied by Tacoma FACTS photographer Jim Henderson, we visited Mrs. Gibbs' home early Saturday morning last week. What we discovered was the liveliest and perhaps happiest family scene we have encountered in a long time.

The five boys--drawn by fate into one household--talked about what they were going to do that day--baseball, the swimming pool, etc. One could easily detect the mutual affection that linked the youths together.

Through it all, Mrs. Gibbs hovered like a hen over her family, advising one boy to do this, telling another to do that--all done with the gentlest and yet firmest hand.

By chance, we had arrived at an especially tragic moment: Mrs. Gibbs' mother in Texas had just died (and this the day before Mother's Day) and Mrs. Gibbs was preparing for the long and sad trip back. And yet we found a family, close and bound together with humor and warmth.

If Mrs. Gibbs can do it with her five teen age boys, a lot more of us can, too. And the kids are waiting.

---JOHN EVANS

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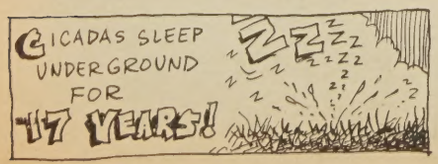

Auto Racing Club To Meet

There will be a general membership meeting of the Spanaway Claimers Auto Racing Association Tuesday, May 18, at 8 p.m. at the Fife Grange Hall. This is at 5797 15th Street East near the Fife Square.

Membership is open to female and male age 16 and older.

This is the only auto racing club in the Northwest in which girls and guys will be racing together. It should be very interesting and prove who is the better driver.

The first Points race will be Sunday, May 16, at Spanaway Speedway with a field of over 60 cars expected.

For any further information call Darla LeGault, Tacoma, LE 7 8202.

Urban League Director Will Speak At Tacoma Dinner May 27

The man who will explain what Whitney Young intended for America and Americans will speak in Tacoma May 27--Henry A. Talbert, western region director of the National Urban League.

He will come to Tacoma for the third annual meeting of the Tacoma Urban League. He will continue the theme of Young's last major speech before his unexpected death--Which Way America?

Five hundred persons are expected at the meeting at the Top of the Ocean. It begins with a 6 p.m. social hour before the banquet, program, and Talbert's address.

Guests invited include Governor Dan Evans, Congressman Floyd V. Hicks, Mayor Gordon M. Johnston and Tacoma city councilmen.

Banquet tickets are $7.50 and are on sale at the League office, and the Bon Marche. All benefits go to the League here.

Talbert is president of the Los Angeles Housing Opportunities Center, a member of the advisory council of the National Program for Educational Leadership and of Project Step-Up, the National Accreditation Council, and the Community Relations Conference of Southern California.

Race Discrimination Big Job Getting Problem, Employment Panel Told

Being black or brown-skinned is the biggest bar to job getting, not lack of skill or ability to deal well with other workers, a Seattle panel was told last week.

Maxine Daly, Washington State Employment Security Director, said the race discrimination is the big job problem.

Her Department administers the state's unemployment insurance payment program and maintains a job-getting service which is in general handcuffed by the political effort of high-cost high-fee private employment agencies which this week shot down efforts by the State Legislature to regulate their practices and fees.

The panel was part of the meeting of the Washington Chapter of the International Association of Personnel in Employment Security.

Indians are low men on the job totem pole, Bernie White bear told the group--and for education, dental and medical care and much more.

More Mexican-Americans should be hired as part of the state's employment service, said Albert de Valle, director of Active Mexicanos.

Tomas Villaneuva, speaking for farm workers groups, said too often Mexican-Americans must struggle for government services which whites get without question.

At Point Defiance Park

Tacoma police announced this week they will try the ounce of prevention rather than pound a cure at Point Defiance Park where hassling and defiance were evident a week ago to disrupt Park use by the normal crowd of Sunday people who want only to enjoy the uniquely beautiful area.

William V. Donaldson, city manager, backed Police Chief Lyle E. Smith in the extra-police plan.

Officials said they hoped that law abiding citizens would understand if meeting force with force meant temporary inconvenience to them too.

"Relax the situation now and we'll have to use real muscle later," one Park Board member said of the disturbers.

Tacoma Police Enlist Public In Police Week Observation

Tacoma's Police Department observed National Police Week this week with a variety of activities and displays to inform the publice and themselves of the occasion.

Thursday (May 13) officers as of 9 a.m. issued only warning traffic tickets except for flagrant and deliberately hazardous driver conduct--a policy to last until the first accident involving personal injury or in property damage more than $100.

A display in the Tacoma Mall was for public viewing through the week including the video tale of a talking motorcycle, an original horse-drawn police wagon, school childrens' letters and free take-home information on how to prevent burglaries at home.

The Police Recognition and Awards Banquet will be in the Old Elks Temple, 7th at Broadway Saturday (May 15) for police and guests. The social hour begins at 1800 with dinner 1900. Special awards will be made to officers who have distinguished themselves in the service.

The Police Ball sponsored by the Tacoma Police Relief and Benefit Association will be open to the public after the banquet beginning 2100.

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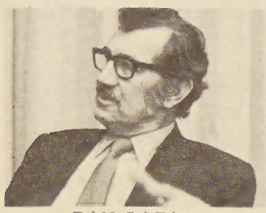

DAN LAZARE

Recently the Tacoma FACTS interviewed Mr. Daniel Lazare who has an unusual and critical role at Central Schools in Tacoma--keeping the drop-outs in.

Dan Lazare directs Tacoma's Community Lab program. Its aim is to provide an alternative for youngsters who are on their way toward dropping out of school, or who just can't seem to be getting anything worthwhile out of attending in a regular program.

These children are not by any means necessarily retared (or "dumb" as we used to say) Mr. Lazare stressed, but for a host of reasons they simply are not getting much out of their school work. Many are from minority group backgrounds, and this may obviously accentuate their problems.

So, they are on their way out.

Which is where Dan Lasare and his staff step in: to keep them in.

The Community Lab which they sponsor, and which has presently over 500 young people involved, seemed to us is the final analysis a program aimed at helping the individual boy or girl to develop and grow by offering him more --in fact, the entire community. Young people in the program typically attend school in the mornings but in the afternoons engage themselves in a variety of communal activities--at Points Defiance, or in a day care center, or even in an auto body shop.

In such circumstances, not only do these young people acquire valuable trade and work experience, but more important ly, they develop a sense of personal worth, a feeling of responsibility and self respect which enables them to grow as persons.

Many of the youngsters find activity in the school they attend--helping the custodians or the cooks, or in any number of other areas. But about half are placed in the community itself--from work at Goodwill to secretarial offices--and find their Community Lab activity a bridge between the school and their home and personal life.

They range from a ten-year old sixth-grader who helps the custodian about one half hour a day to 18 and 19 year olds repairing cars.

But the Community Lab is a program which justifies itself: By producing educated and skilled persons, ready to take a constructive position in their society, the Community Lab project more than offsets its cost in comparison with what Tacoma would have to pay in added school and welfare payments.

Still, in talking with Dan Lazare, the impression one is left with is that--costs aside--it is what can be done for the individual youngster that matters most..

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